REMARKS

Claims 1-22 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 23-31 have been added and are pending.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application and sequence identifiers, as introduced in the parent application Serial No. 09/566,266.

The specification has been amended to include the Sequence Listing filed October 24, 2001, in the parent application Serial No 09/566,266. The attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing is the same as the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing filed October 24, 2001, in the parent application Serial No. 09/566,266. No new matter has been added. The Office is requested to use the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed October 24, 2001, in the parent application Serial No. 09/566,266, for the present application. A separate Request in this regard is attached.

A copy of the Declaration from the parent application Serial No. 09/566,266, is attached.

PTO-1449 Forms are attached listing references of record in the parent application Serial No. 09/566,266. Further copies of the listed documents are not believed to be required however the office is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

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